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BOUL MURDER.

Destardly Deed Committed by Boy of 16.

A WOMAN KILLED

At Her Home Near Welch and Left a Prey to Hogs.—Body Mangled.—Her Slayer Escapes. Trouble Arose Over Geese.

A widow named Cynthia Johnson, aged fifty years, was shot and killed Sunday afternoon by a sixteen year old boy by the name of Jim Neil. There were no witnesses to the deed, but young Neil told his father that he had killed the woman, and the father borrowed \$5 and gave him a gun and he made his escape to parts unknown.

The boy and woman had trouble about some geese and it is supposed this caused the committal of the crime. The body was found in the house which dispels the theory of robbery. A revolver was however taken from the house.

The remains were taken to Mo. for burial by a son and daughter of the deceased.

J. H. Neil, father of the boy, Chas Neil, a brother, and C. E. Myers, a neighbor, were arrested by deputy Ike Gilstrap yesterday and brought to this place, but up on a hearing before Commissioner Stanford were discharged this afternoon. It is believed the boy was apprehended though no one seems to know to what point he was herded. Hogs had torn and devoured portions of the body when it was discovered.

DOUGLAS FIRED.

Removed From Office By Commissioner Jones.

Clarence B. Douglas, who has had charge of the land division in the office of the Indian agent was removed from office by Commissioner Jones. The order came as a surprise to all the officials here and to Mr. Douglas. There is no explanation and Douglas was not given a hearing or advised with in the matter.

The telegram came from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to the agent and simply stated "You will discharge Douglas at once. Please acknowledge receipt."

This morning a Times reporter saw Mr. Douglas relative to the matter. He said: "The commis sioner of Indian Affairs asked the agent to dispena with my services. He has done so. Further than this I am not advised. I understand the National attorney for the Creek Nation between whose office and my own there has been some friction over in diana is to Washington. Assuming this to be a source of information P. Porter, chiel, wired the attorney as follows. Have you made request for the dismissal of Douglas. If you have you have done an injustice and I will not sustain you in it. I regard Douglas as a just and honest man. This telegram was also repeated to the Commissioner and Secre tary, with an additional one to the Secretary in which the Gov ernor says: "My office has no complaint to make and regrets taken I am now simply waiting developments and will be in the public all information received. Have requested an ex planation by wire."

It is generally conceded that Commissioner has acted rat

unfair in the matter, for any man is entitled to a hearing. If there is anything wrong in Douglas' office as the Commissioner evidently believes, he could have asked for an explanation. Mr. Douglas says he has not done so. Douglas' removal is doubtless due to the fact that he entered the race for national committeeman. When he did that his political enemies, who were more powerful than he anticipated, immediately got out their axes and went after him. This may be due to Murphy, as Douglas evidently thinks, and it may be that Soper had a hand in it. As soon as Soper got to Washington rumors of investigation came back thick and fast. Then Murphy was sent for and when he reached Washington the order came.

Douglas was supposed to be close to the secretary of the interior.

The way of the politician is hard, and is lined with axes.—Muskogee Times.

NEW INDIAN REGIME.

Says Change to Bonded Superintendents Will Work Needed Reforms.

Gov. T. B. Ferguson of Oklahoma heartily commends the new plans of the Indian department in placing the different agencies under bonded superintendents. "This plan will succeed because it eliminates the Indian service from politics," said the governor. "That has always been the trouble, and in many instances it has interfered

with the proper management of the Indian service. The new plan will work needed reforms. The Indian department will have a new regime. The Indian department will have a new regime. The Indian department will have a new regime.

Oklahoma has been in charge of Maj. John Jensen, who, under the new ruling, retires, giving place to Hugh M. Noble, at present the bonded agent at Standing Rock, N. D. The Ponca reservation includes the Otoes, Tonkawas, Mis souris and Poncas, in all about 2000 Indians.

Another important change in Oklahoma will be in the Arapahoe-Cheyenne agency, in the west central part of the territory, where Maj. George Stouch, United States army, gives away as agent to three bonded superintendents. These will be stationed at various places in the reservation. Among these Indians a great work has been wrought during the past two years by John Seger, who steps into one of the places as bonded superintendent. Within that time he has instructed the Indians to farm, construct buildings, manufacture brick, and now they are building a system of good roads through their reservation. The squaws are not forgotten, as they are being taught all manner of housewifery. So great has been the advancement of the Arapahoe-Cheyenne squaws that Seger intends making a special exhibit of their work at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

At the Sac and Fox agency the agent, Ross Guffin, becomes the bonded superintendent, and the same change is made at the Shawnee agency, where Agent Frank Thacker becomes the superintendent. Pottawatomie, Shawnee and Kickapoo are embraced in Thacker's jurisdiction. Like changes are contemplated at the Pawnee agency, and later among the Osage, Kiowa and Comanche agencies. With the latter are in

cluded the Caddos, Apaches and Wichitas.

This change in the manner of overseeing the Indian, which has long been contemplated by the department, is regarded as promoting the interests of the Indian, as well as the government. Most of the bonded superintendents who have been tried have graduated from the ranks of Indian teachers and superintendents of Indian schools, and are neither dependent upon political pulls nor have private interests to serve. It is not intended to bar out such agents as have proven their ability, as well as their honesty. Such in fact receive as good a show as teachers, to receive appointments as bonded superintendents, but the majority of the superintendents will be recruited from the teachers' ranks.

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COMPLEXION AND LIVER.

Important Functions of the Organ and Their Effect on the Facial Appearance.

Since a bad complexion is usually directly traceable to a disordered liver some knowledge as to the functions of that very unruly organ should be indispensable. People in general have a rather vague idea of the workings of the liver. They know that bile formation is one of its functions; but further than this they are at sea, says American Queen.

Starch, which is contained in so many articles of diet, is converted by the saliva and pancreas juice into sugar. Starch cannot readily enter the blood in its unchanged state; but when it has become sugar it passes in the blood stream to the liver, which in turn takes it up and changes it into another substance called glycogen; this is stored up by the liver and is used as the body needs it.

The liver has other functions, and more important ones than bile formation, and it is not often affected in all these functions equally. Part of the glycogen is converted into sugar and discharged into the blood, where by union with oxygen it furnishes heat for the body. Some of the glycogen is changed into fat, which is also sent into the blood, finally lodging in some tissue which it nourishes.

The most important function of the liver is the changing of waste material into a substance that can be easily excreted by other organs. Every moment of life the particles of the body are being destroyed and renewed, and the debris is received into the blood. When the bile secretion is defective the chief symptoms are constipation, sallowness and thinness.

If the glycogen function is defective the temperature is low and the body is often emaciated. Digestion always suffers, and the skin, besides being sal low, is apt to break out into disorders. Drugs bring relief, but they do not cure these disorders. The system should be brought under hygienic conditions by proper diet and living. The circulation of the blood should be good, for all the blood in the body is supposed to pass through the liver twice in every minute. Circulation can be effected by systematic exercise.

If dyspepsia is present, give up the indigestible articles of food, instead of digesting them with pepsin or other agents. In a case of this kind indigestion is an indication that the liver is not prepared to take the food eaten.

Why Ice Is Slippery.

At a recent meeting of the Philosophical society at Cambridge, England, S. Skinner contributed a paper on the slipperiness of ice. This has been attributed to the presence of a layer of lubricating water under the body pressing on the ice. The water is produced by the lowering of the freezing point where the pressure is experienced. On this view the object glides on a liquid layer, and consequently viscous friction in water takes the place of the rubbing friction between the solids. Joly has shown by calculation that the weight of a man concentrated on the blade of a skate is sufficient to lower the freezing point very considerably, and Reynolds, arguing from the difficulty of slipping on very cold ice, comes to the same conclusion. In the present paper it is pointed out that sliding on a liquid layer is a condition under which cavitation will occur in the liquid, and that this will aid the slipping.—Nature.

Lack of Time.

"We have called," explains the chairman to the committee, "to ask you to make an impromptu speech at the meeting to-night."

"I cannot," replied the great man. "I can deliver an address, but if you want me to make an impromptu speech you should give me some time to think."—Judge.

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